MMT during 1993-94 the indigenous production was about 5.27 MMT.

(c) to (e) The deficit is met by import. Also, Government have allowed private investment in the oil refining sector and decanalised the import of Kerosene by private parties for sale at market related prices.

Agreement between Government and Engineers India Limited

2977. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pact has been signed by Engineers India Limited with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the programmes of Government and EIL in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Under standing (MOU) has been signed on 22nd July, 1994, between Engineers India Limited (EIL) and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for 1994-95. The MOU provides the following broad targets to be achieved by EIL during the year:—

	Growth, Productivity activities	Profit/ Related	Target for 1994-95
1.	Net value of services rendered (Rs. crore)		230.00
	— Domestic (Rs. crore)		167.50
	— Foreign (US $ million)		20.50
2.	Gross Margin (Rs. crore)		91.00
3.	Net value of services rendered per employee (Rs. Lakhs)		6.13
4.	Net foreign exchange earnings (US $ million)		11.05
5.	Profit after tax to capital employed (%)		22.30

(c) The programmes include the following:

1. To enter into strategic alliances with multinationals for undertaking overseas jobs.
2. To take up turn-key jobs on its own strength as well as with strategic alfiances.
3. To create subsidiaries and joint ventures for enhancing the capability in various fields of engineering and to help promote the usage of technology available.
4. To increase the foreign exchange earnings.
5. Continous imporvement in R & D capabilities.

Waiting List for LPG in Madhya Pradesh

2978. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total demand of LPG connections in the country as on date;

(b) what is the demand and supply position of LPG connections with regard to Madhya Pradesh State;

(c) the number of LPG connections which have been provided utpo February, 1994;

(d) whether 4.10 lakh connections are on waiting list upto February, 1994;

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to clear the waiting list; and

(f) whether any time bound programme has been prepared in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) As on 1.4.1994, the customer population and waiting list

for LPG connections in the country and in Madhya Pradesh were as below:

Figs. in lakhs

	In the country	In Madhya Pradesh
Customer Population	207.34	11.00
Waiting list	114.2	4.42

(c) and (f) The waiting period for new LPG connection depends upon the number of persons on the waiting list with the distributors, slack with the distributors and the annual programme for enrolment of new customers. Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to as many applicants and as early as possible, by ensuring higher product availability through augmenting production from existing sources, setting up and commissioning of new projects and higher imports.

Funding of the Projects in Petrol Sector

2979. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision of funding petrol sector projects;

(b) if so, whether the modalities of funding these projects have been worked out;

(c) if so, whether there has been a cost escalation of more then 2 times requiring 21,000 crores during the 8th Plan period;

(d) whether it is a fact that the original cost of these projects was Rs. 23,397.17 crores but now it has been recosted as 30,009.34 crores;

(e) if so, whether Government have allowed funding these projects with a determination not to prevent further delays; and

(f) if so, the details of the modalities worked out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Amount spent on Advertisements by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

2980. SHRI. MOHAMMED AFZAL Alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the details of the amount spent by Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas on advertisements given to the Newspapers direct or through DAVP. etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94, language wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATES FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Negotiation between Mobil India and Government

2981. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mobil India had negotiations with Government to start its own exclusive petrol retailing network in the Country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the nature of the agreement, if any, arrived at with Mobil India; and

(c) what are the implications involved in so far as the domestic petrol retailing outlets are concerned vis-a-vis the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.